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PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB AND AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS, SN

SUBJECT: TRAINING ASSISTANCE FOR SINGAPORE

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- 1. REF A BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION TWO MESSAGES CONCERNING SINGAPORE TRAINING COURSE AT FORT BRAGG (REF B AND C). REF D STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR AN EARLY DECISION BY GOS AND WAS RETRANSMITTED TO CINCPAC FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
- 2. DUE TO THE SHORT DEADLINE STRESSED IN REF D THE ACTING DATT ON JANUARY 19 PRESENTED THE THREE OPTIONS, WITH PRICES, TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL STAFF, COLONEL WINSTON CHOO. ACTING DATT EXPLAINED NEW CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR HIGHER COST FIGURES THAN EITHER GOS OR EMBASSY HAD ANTICIPATED. HE POINTED OUT THAT BOTH CONTENT AND COST OF PROPOSED TRAINING HAD BEEN REVIEWED AT VERY HIGH LEVEL BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES, AND THAT EVERY EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO KEEP COST AS LOW AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. WHILE COLONEL CHOO WAS VISIBLY SHAKEN OVER THE COST FIGURES, HE DID PROMISE A DECISION BY JANUARY 23. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CONTENT OF THE FOUR-WEEK COURSE HAS BEEN WELL

RECEIVED BY COLONEL CHOO. HOWEVER, HE HAD NO IDEA WHICH
OPTION, IF ANY, WOULD BE SELECTED.
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